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In Re: MUR 5550 - Respondent, The Pennsylvania State University

Dear Ms. Smith:

We represent The Pennsylvania State University, a Respondent in the above-captioned matter (See previously filed Statement of Designation of Counsel). We previously requested, and were granted, an extension of time in which to provide our response. Our initial request was based primarily upon the fact that we had not received the original complaint, but only an amended complaint. Our current response date is December 29, 2004.

As I mentioned to you during our telephone conversation today, our task is complicated somewhat by the holiday season. Penn State will close for the holidays on December 22nd, and will not reopen until January 3, 2005. Our investigation has required the involvement of a number of persons, from several different departments. When our response has been prepared, we intend to circulate the document to a number of University officials, and request their input and final approval. Some of the people whose assistance we are seeking have already left on holiday, and all will soon be unavailable until after our current due date has passed.

For these reasons, we request an extension of an additional fifteen days from our current response date. This would make our response due by January 13, 2004.

Thank you once again for your kind assistance.

Very truly yours,

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